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MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANS-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES HELD ON 25th AUGUST, 2014 AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE ROOM NO. 6, CONVENTION CENTRE, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI.

The following members were present:

1.	Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur	_	Chairperson
	Prof. Rajan Gurukkul	_	External Member
3.	Prof. K. James	-	External Member
4.	Prof. Ajeet Mathur	-	External Member
5.	Dr. G. Uma	-	Member
6.	Dr.Gaurav Singh	-	Member
7.	Dr. Babu P. Remesh	-	Member
8.	Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya	-	Member
9.	Dr. Sadananda Sahoo	-	Member

Prof. Upinder Singh, Prof. Maitrayee Choudhuri, Prof. Debal K. Singharoy, Prof. Anju Sehgal Gupta could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Subhakanta Mohapatra attended the meeting as Special Invitee.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members

The following items were considered:

- Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the 15th Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 2nd April, 2014 and Action Taken Report
- The School Board confirmed the minutes of its 5th Meeting held on 2^{no} April, 2014. The Board also noted the action taken report. The School Board noted the insertion into the minutes that SOITS would offer BDP in Colonial Diaspora. (Item No.4, Resolution No.SB 15.4.1)
- With regard to the proposed PG Diploma in Population Studies, Joint Coordinators Dr. Shubhakant Mohapatra (SOS) and Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya (SOITS) presented the Need Survey Format and Questionnaira. The School Board noted the same and also gave valuable inputs regarding the broad programme outline, particularly with regard to issues of fertility, gender dimensions and the issues of refugees. These suggestions will be placed before the Expert Committee when it meets in future.
- Item No. 2 To consider and approve the confidential list of examiners for Ph.D thesis of Ms. Mridusmita Barua, RTA
- SB 16.2.1 The School Board considered and approved the confidential list of examiners for Ph.D thesis of Ms. Mridusmita Barua, RTA.

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- Item No. 3 To consider and approve the confidential list of examiners for Ph.D thesis of Ms. Sangmitra Sarkar, RTA
- SB 16.3.1 The School Board considered and approved the confidential list of examiners for Ph.D thesis of Ms. Sangmitra Sarkar, RTA.
- Item No. 4 To consider and approve the confidential list of examiners for Ph.D thesis of Mr. Saibal pal
- SB 16.4.1 The School Board considered and approved the confidential list of examiners for Ph.D thesis of Mr. Saibal Pal.
- Item No. 5 To consider nomination of the External Members to the School Board of SOITS
- SB 16.5.1 At the outset, the School Board put on record the contributions rendered by the outgoing external members: Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Prof. Ajeet Mathur, Prof. K. James, Prof. Upinder Singh and Prof. Maitryee Choudhury. The School Board considered and recommended the following list for nomination of external members on the School Board under Clause (2)(e) of Statue 10A which refers, 'Not more than five persons, who are not the employees of the University, co-opted by the Board for their specialized knowledge in any discipline assigned to the School or in any allied branch of knowledge...'
 - 1. Prof. Shobhita Jain, Professor of Sociology, IGNOU (Retd.)
 - Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy, Formerly Dean, Central University of Hyderabad.
 - 3. Prof. Indu Agnihotri, Director, CWDS, New Delhi.
 - 4. Prof. R B Bhagat, IIPS (International Institute for Population Sciences), Mumbai
 - 5. Prof. Mary Mathew, Deptt. of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Sciences (IIS), Bangalöre (Specialisation: Organisational Behaviour, Human Resource and Innovations)
 - 6. Prof. S. Raju, School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala (Specialisation: Social Science, Econometrics, Economic Enthropology)
 - 7. Prof. Padmini Swaminathan, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad.
 - 8. Prof. Gopal Guru, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- Item No. 6 To consider and approve the Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Doctoral Committee held on 18th July, 2014
- SB 16.6.1 The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Doctoral Committee held on 18th July, 2014, specifically the following:
 - 1. Re-allocation of Ph.D Supervisors.

- 2. Approval on the Progress Reports of following for the period shown against each:
 - (i) Feroz Khan for the period January-June, 2014.
 - (ii) Arsala Nizami for the period January-June, 2014
 - (iii) Shubha Banerjee for the period January-June, 2014
 - (iv) Brig. Sushil Kumar Sharma for the period January-June, 2014
- 3. Reporting the matter that the Ph.D Course Work Examination for the batch up to 2012 is over.
- 4. Considering Astro Physics pending action by Dr. C.K. Ghosh, Programme Coordinator and Presentation of Progress Reports of Mr. Avijeet Prasad and Mr. Manpreet Singh (Ph.D students in Astro Physics, IIAP) by the Programme Coordinator, Dr. C.K. Ghosh, enabling us to proceed for Pre-submission Presentation by these two candidates after acceptance/clearance from Research Unit.
- 5. Reporting the status of M.Phil/Ph.D programmes of SACAR.
- 6. Request of Mr. Abhay Kumar Chawla, Ph.D candidate for change of title of Ph.D thesis
- SB 16.6.2 The School Board took note of the Research Council's Standing Committee decision on 7th June, 2013 in which it was clearly written that the registered Ph.D students in Astro Physics would be facilitated to complete their Ph.D both by School and Research Unit.
- Item No. 7 To report the progress of M.A.(Labour & Development)-MLD Programme in ODL Mode
- Dr. Babu P. Remesh, Programme Coordinator presented a satisfactory progress report of MA (Labour & Development) in ODL mode as Phase-2 was due for approval in Academic Council's Standing Committee.
- Item No. 8 To consider and approve the list of Moderators for Ph.D Entrance Examination Question Papers -
- SB 16.8.1 The School Board considered and recommended the list of Moderators for Ph.D Entrance Examination Question Papers as under:
 - (i) Prof. S.M. Patnaik, Department of Anthropology, Delhi University
 - (ii) Prof. Renu Addlakha, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi
 - (iii) Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS, IGNOU
 - (iv) Dr. Babu P. Remesh, SOITS, IGNOU
 - (v) Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS, IGNOU
 - (vi) Dr. Sadanand Sahoo, SOITS, IGNOU

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- (vii) Prof. Jagpal, SOSS, IGNOU
- (viii) Dr. Nehal Faruqui, SOEDS, IGNOU
- (ix) Prof. B.K. Pattnaik, SOEDS, IGNOU
- Item No. 9 To report the slightly revised Vision & Mission Statement of the School
- SB 16.9.1 The School Board considered and approved synoptic view of the Vision and Mission Statement and Scope of the School.
- Item No. 10 To report the names of doctoral students who dropped:
 - (i) Mr. Jadhav Madhav Devidasrao under Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur
 - (ii) Ms. Shuchita Gupta under Dr. Sadananda Sahoo
 - (iii) Maj General Ajeet K. Mudholkar under Dr. Sadananda Sahoo
- The School Board recommended that the doctoral students who have not been sending progress reports and did not write course work termend examination be notified by the school whether they wish to discontinue or continue. These students should be asked to send their application to their respective Ph.D Supervisors.

Any other item with the permission of the chair

- Item No. 11 To consider and approve the confidential list of examiners for Ph.D thesis of Lt. Gen. Mukesh Sabharwal (Ph.D Student, A Category)
- SB 16.11.1 The School Board considered and approved the confidential list of examiners for Ph.D thesis of Lt. Gen. Mukesh Sabharwal (Ph.D Student, A Category).

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur)
-Chairperson

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